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### MAGIC VALLEY

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# Court: Recounts will count

The Washington Post

The Florida Supreme Court ruled unanimously Tuesday night that manual recounts from three counties must be included before the secretary of state can certify the winner of the presidential election there, handing Vice President Al Gore a major victory in his effort to overtake Texas Gov. George W. Bush in the battle for the state's 25 electoral votes.

The court also ruled that Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties must conclude the hand counting of ballots and submit results by 5 p.m. Sunday to Secretary of State Katherine Harris.

But the court declined to establish

## Vote total must include manual recount, Florida justices rule

standards for county officials to use in determining which ballots are counted by hand, as Gore's lawyers had asked, leaving it to the counties for now to decide that critical question for themselves.

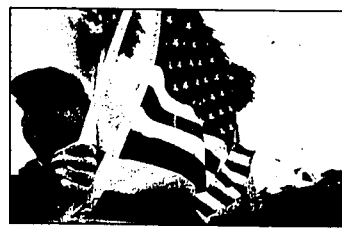
However, the court also said counties should do everything they can to ascertain the will of the voters, and

citing a "particularly apt" Illinois Supreme Court opinion that held voters should not be disenfranchised "simply because the chad they punched did not completely dislodge from the ballot."

The justices said that in interpreting a Florida election law with conflicting provisions, they had based their ruling on their long-standing position that "the right of the people to cast their vote is the paramount concern overriding all others."

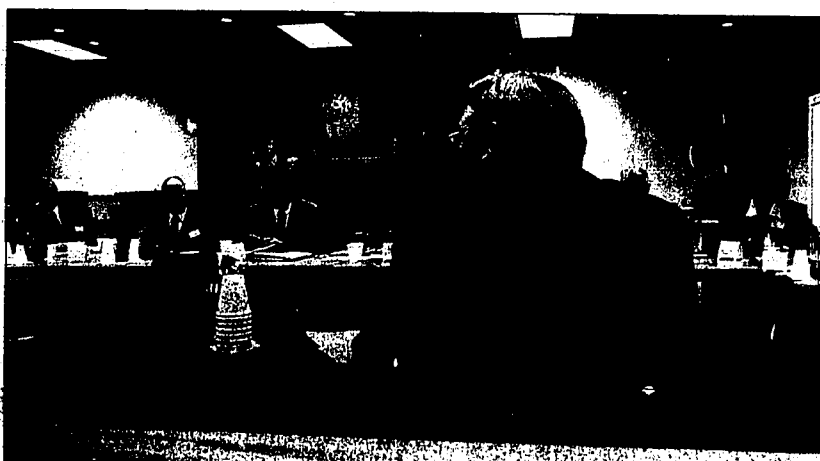
The court said that "the will of the people" took precedence over "a hypertechnical reliance upon statutory provision." It concluded that Harris had erred in announcing that

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Jose Dominguez of Miami demonstrates in support of the democratic process Tuesday in downtown Miami.

# PANEL CHOOSES JUDGE



Twin Falls attorney John S. Ritchie faces a panel of judges and elected officials during an interview Tuesday for an opening on the magistrate court. Ritchie was one of five candidates interviewed. The panel late Tuesday selected Cassia County deputy prosecutor Howard Smyser to the magistrate's post.

## Cassia attorney will fill post in Twin Falls

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Since 1979, Howard D. Smyser has argued cases in front of judges as a Cassia County deputy prosecutor. Early next year, he will move behind the bench in Twin Falls.

Smyser was selected Tuesday from a field of five finalists interviewed to replace longtime Twin Falls County Magistrate Judge Melvin C. Edwards.

Smyser was en route to Boise late Tuesday and could not be reached for comment on his appointment, announced late Tuesday afternoon.

But during his interview with 5th Judicial District Magistrates Commission members Tuesday, Smyser promised a middle-of-the-road approach to sentencing.

Each case involves unique people and circumstances, but too

**Here comes the judge**

Howard D. Smyser, 42, has been appointed to replace Twin Falls County Magistrate Judge Melvin C. Edwards. Smyser has been a deputy prosecutor for the Cassia County since 1979. From 1984 to 1990, he was in the law firm of Barnes, Byrnes and Smyser.

Smyser graduated from the University of Montana in 1976 with a degree in business management and from Washington State University in 1979 with a law degree.

A graduate of the judicial branch in which he will be practicing, Smyser has been a member of the Idaho State Bar and must have at least five years' experience practicing law.

Upon appointment, magistrates serve an 18-month probation. They then stand for retention election in the county in which they are seated.

Magistrates face retention elections every four years.

General Office of Fifth Judicial District Trial Court Administrator Linda Wright.

much variety in sentencing can clog an already-busy magistrate

doesn't reflect wisdom or justice," he said.

Other finalists interviewed Tuesday included Pocatello chief civil department attorney Rudolph E. Camarillo, Twin Falls attorney Brian D. Harper, Twin Falls attorney John S. Ritchie and Twin Falls attorney Randy J. Stoker.

During interviews that lasted about 45 minutes, each candidate was asked a similar series of questions. The questions came from a commission made up of various city and county officials from the eight-county 5th Judicial District, a member appointed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and others.

The commission then selected Smyser by a simple majority vote. Many of the commission's questions centered on what candidates would do to make courts

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# Holiday travel rush begins

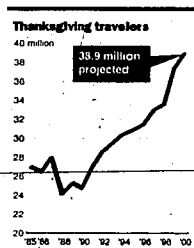
The Associated Press

The first wave of holiday travelers packed highways and jammed airport terminals Tuesday as one of the busiest travel periods of the year began with labor disputes threatening to snarl air travel.

United and Northwest airlines again blamed their mechanics for flight delays Monday and Tuesday. The workers are seeking new labor contracts, but no strike is anticipated before next year at the earliest.

Delta Air Lines also expects slowdowns and cancellations through Thanksgiving week because pilots seeking a new contract have stopped requesting voluntary overtime.

Paul Hudson, executive director of the Aviation Consumer Action Project, said the airlines



should have reduced their schedules or added temporary help to avoid inconveniencing passengers. "But that hasn't been the practice at many airlines," he

said. "They attempt to hide the problem or blame the unions."

Not that everyone is traveling by air: The American Automobile Association predicted that a record 39 million Americans would travel more than 100 miles from home this week, with four out of five going by car. The average price of gasoline across the nation is \$1.57 per gallon — about a quarter more than a year ago.

Amtrak officials said they expected 580,000 riders this week, up from 420,000 during an average week. With a record 115,000 people expected to travel today, the railroad prepared by adding 65,000 seats nationwide and 45 trains in the Northeast corridor alone.

Bus companies called up extra drivers. Greyhound Lines Inc. expected nearly 1 million passengers by Monday.

# North Dakotans enshrine right to hunt in state law

Los Angeles Times

There's a tradition in North Dakota: come winter: A few dozen sportsmen, shotgun in the ready, spread out in a giant circle up to four miles across. Slowly, they begin to walk in toward the center.

This dragnet is designed to flush out red foxes. Ten foxes, a dozen, maybe even 20, skitter out in front of the men. The circle tightens around them. The men then pull their triggers.

Reducing the fox population this way is vital, the sportsmen explain, because it foxes get too numerous, they'll eat all the game birds and waterfowl that these same hunters want to shoot next season.

So the fox hunt has become a

tradition. And not only that: It's become a bona fide constitutional right.

By an overwhelming vote, North Dakotans this month added a sentence to their state Constitution declaring hunting, fishing and trapping to be "a valued part of our heritage" that must "be forever preserved for the people."

In other words, says state Sen. Bob Stenehjem, animal-rights activists are very definitely not welcome. "We see what's happening in the rest of the U.S. and here," Stenehjem said. "We like to hunt and fish. And we don't see that as a problem."

North Dakota is not alone on

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# FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

AccuWeather.com



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Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday

Temperature: High/Low 36°/18°  
Normal high/low 41°/23°  
High/low last year 37°/28°  
Record high 67° in 1960  
Record low 9° in 1964

Precipitation: 24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday: 0.00"  
Month to date: 0.16"  
Normal month to date: 0.88"  
Year to date: 7.31"  
Normal year to date: 9.01"

Humidity: Yesterday at noon: 80%  
Barometric Pressure: Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 30.16 in.

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls:  
Grass: Absent  
Weeds: Absent  
Trees: Absent

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Shows today's weather. Temperatures are for today's highs and tonight's lows.

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## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Patchy fog early, mostly sunny. <b>▲38°</b>	Mainly clear. <b>▼20°</b>	Sunny to partly cloudy. <b>▲44° ▼24°</b>	Chance for some snow and rain. <b>▲42° ▼28°</b>	Clouds and times of sunshine. <b>▲42° ▼24°</b>	Chance for some snow and rain. <b>▲44° ▼28°</b>

## REGIONAL WEATHER

**Southern Idaho:** A few spots will start this morning with low clouds or fog; otherwise, mostly sunny today. Clear to partly cloudy tonight with patchy fog late. Sunny east tomorrow; sun mixing with clouds west.

**Boise:** Sunshine most of today, but there could be some low clouds or fog for a time this morning. Mainly clear and cold tonight. Sunshine will mix with clouds tomorrow.

**Northern Nevada:** Partly to mostly sunny across the northern part of northern Nevada today, while the south turns out partly sunny after a few morning snow showers. Mainly clear and cold tonight.

**Northern Utah:** Patchy fog in a few valley spots early; otherwise, partly to mostly sunny today. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Sunshine will mix with clouds possible late. Mostly sunny tomorrow.

**Northern Idaho:** Fog or low clouds in a few valley spots this morning; otherwise, mostly sunny today. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Sunshine followed by increasing clouds tomorrow.

**NATIONAL EXTREMES** Yesterday (for the 48 contiguous states)  
High 82° in El Centro, CA Low -12° in Fraser, CO

## NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and a precipitation. Temperature bands are in degrees Fahrenheit. Forecast high/low temperatures are in degrees Fahrenheit.



High 82° in El Centro, CA Low -12° in Fraser, CO

## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 7:38 a.m.  
Sunset tonight: 5:10 p.m.  
Moonrise today: 3:57 a.m.  
Moonset tonight: 3:51 p.m.

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## UV INDEX TODAY



0: Minimal; 2-3: Low; 4-6: Moderate; 7-9: High; 10: Very High. Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thurs.
Atlanta	50°/34°	51°/35°
Baltimore	35°/19°	40°/17°
Birmingham	57°/32°	58°/40°
Boston	42°/26°	33°/21°
Charlotte	50°/35°	59°/34°
Chicago	30°/18°	30°/22°
Cleveland	28°/20°	30°/22°
Denver	55°/25°	48°/22°
Des Moines	42°/26°	33°/21°
Detroit	32°/17°	30°/23°
El Paso	60°/40°	58°/34°
Fort Worth	55°/35°	58°/34°
Fargo	20°/18°	38°/23°
Honolulu	78°/64°	77°/64°
Houston	65°/45°	65°/45°
Indianapolis	39°/19°	42°/25°
Jacksonville	60°/33°	65°/40°
Kansas City	47°/27°	47°/29°
Las Vegas	60°/40°	58°/34°
Little Rock	58°/38°	55°/41°
Los Angeles	68°/48°	72°/48°

Weather (W): s-sunny, p-partially cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, rain, sf-snow flurries, an-snow, ice.

## CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Thurs.
Calgary	30°/18°	30°/18°
Edmonton	30°/18°	30°/18°
Halifax	42°/26°	42°/26°
Kelowna	42°/26°	42°/26°
Regina	18°/18°	40°/24°
Saskatoon	42°/26°	42°/26°
Vancouver	48°/28°	48°/28°
Victoria	48°/28°	48°/28°
Winnipeg	17°/17°	34°/27°

## WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Thurs.
Auckland	60°/51°	60°/51°
Buenos Aires	60°/51°	60°/51°
London	50°/39°	45°/38°
Madrid	50°/39°	45°/38°
Moscow	32°/19°	23°/14°
Paris	50°/37°	44°/37°
Rio de Janeiro	58°/38°	58°/38°
Rome	61°/50°	60°/52°
Seoul	45°/34°	51°/41°
Sydney	71°/51°	71°/51°
Tokyo	49°/37°	54°/45°
Warsaw	48°/38°	40°/40°
Zurich	44°/37°	48°/44°

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thurs.
Boise	44°/22°	36°/14°
Bonanza	37°/22°	40°/29°
Butte	40°/18°	44°/20°
Coeur d'Alene	38°/24°	40°/28°
Elko	36°/12°	47°/18°
Idaho Falls	38°/19°	45°/25°
Kelso	38°/12°	40°/12°
Ketchikan	38°/18°	36°/18°
Lewiston	42°/28°	44°/28°
Malad	38°/18°	40°/19°
Mojave	41°/17°	49°/22°

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## Challenger takes lead in Washington race

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Democratic challenger Maria Cantwell edged into the lead in the nation's last untested Senate contest Tuesday, but the race was headed toward an automatic recount next week.

Cantwell, 42, a dot-com millionaire and former congressman, forged into the lead for the first time since election night on the strength of returns from King County, which includes heavily Democratic Seattle.

But Gorton, 72, the three-term Republican incumbent, remained optimistic that votes from outlying counties would restore his lead, for good.

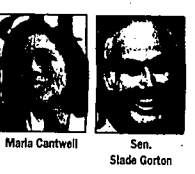
Cantwell picked up 7,717 additional votes in King County, her strongest, while Gorton was gaining only 4,814 votes there. That wiped out, at least temporarily, the tenuous hold Gorton has had over Cantwell.

With more than 2.4 million votes cast, Cantwell had a lead of less than 2,000 votes over Gorton, who has been in public office since the year she was born in 1958.

Wednesday is the deadline for counties to complete their counts and to certify the results.

On the last major day of counting before that deadline, Gorton continued to hold an edge in populous Pierce County, which is home to Tacoma, and a big lead in a band of small counties that reported by mid-afternoon Tuesday. He expected to pick up more from the Eastern Washington stronghold of Spokane County and to stay close in Cantwell's home county of Snohomish, just north of Seattle.

While both camps continued to express optimism of winning a narrow victory, nothing will be final until a mandatory recount occurs.



Maria Cantwell, Sen. Slade Gorton

## Right

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this one, Virginia passed a similar amendment this election. Minnesota has one too. So does Alabama.

Hunters, it seems, are sick of being demeaned.

By enshrining their rights in their state constitutions, they hope to make it tougher for animal-rights activists to mess with them. "This amendment ensures the rights of all citizens to hunt and fish and trap without harassment," boasts Art Mielke, president of the North Dakota Wildlife Federation.

Press 4, Mielke concedes that — on Monday — protesters still have a free-speech right to make a stink. But he can't see why they would bother, now that 77 percent of North Dakotans have voted to elevate the taking of game to a constitutional right.

The way Mielke sees it, protesters are hunting "for the public good."

as the amendment states, means quashing demonstrators such as those who tried to disrupt the winter fox kill a few years back by scrambling into the center of the circle and screaming invectives at the shooters. It means taking to court activists such as those who wrecked a recent fishing derby by dragging hooks through the water to tangle fishing lines.

It means, he says, "some judicial support" for sportsmen.

The activists, however, don't seem too worried.

Indeed, in an odd way, some animal-rights enthusiasts even welcome the constitutional amendments as a sign that hunters feel threatened. "A desperate move on behalf of a small and whiny minority," scoffed Lisa Lange, spokeswoman for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. "The popularity of hunting is on the decline. This is not going to change that."

## Judge

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work more effectively.

Smyser said he would encourage attorneys and other parties involved to meet well before scheduled court dates and try to reach settlements. Last-minute negotiations between attorneys and others should be discouraged, he said.

Carnahan gave a similar answer, while Harper said technology, such as the Internet and office computer networks, could help cut time and costs.

The candidates all said a magistrate can and should be active in the community, but should avoid politics or broadcasting personal views on controversial subjects.

Commission member and Twin Falls Mayor Elaine Steele gave each candidate a pause when she asked them to phrase a question to fit the phrase, "I will always be looking for the next right answer."

## FTC sees problem in porn fight

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Two months after issuing a report accusing the entertainment industry of aggressively marketing violent, adult-rated entertainment to children, federal regulators decided Tuesday they would not pursue legal charges against any of the companies involved.

Federal Trade Commission lawyers had considered charging film, music and videogame firms with engaging in deceptive or unfair advertising practices before determining such actions could be defeated on grounds that the marketing campaigns were protected by the First Amendment right to free speech.

Bringing a case against entertainment industry companies would "place the agency in a position that raises serious questions about the First Amendment," FTC Chairman Robert Pitofsky advised in a letter to Senate Committee Chairman John McCain, R-Ariz.

## Water

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ground water, Wood noted.

Simplot has farms in the area, though he denies that the only water there is ground water, said Jim DuBois, an attorney with U.S. Department of Justice in Denver, representing the Air Force.

And there is no question water is necessary for the function of the base, he said.

But ground water already is a concern in the area, said Dick Larsen, spokesman for the Idaho Department of Water Resources. Since about 1960, ground water levels in the area of the base have dropped 50 to 60 feet since 1960, Larsen said in a later interview.

The base was established in April, 1943, as the Mountain Home Air Field. In October 1945, after the end of the war, the base was closed. It reopened in December 1948 as the Mountain Home Air Force Base.

DuBois said the wells and sources in the federal claims are the same as those listed in state licenses. But those state licenses have incorrect priority dates. DuBois said well logs show that the wells were drilled and in use in the 1940s and 1950s.

The base included 3,680 acres of federal reserved land, and a military base in the desert requires water to fulfill its purposes — not just enough to keep them from dying of thirst.

Though he denied Simplot's attempt to intervene, Wood said after Davis's opportunity to file a brief in reply to a number of questions he raised about the Air Force's claim to federal reserved rights.

Wood raised several issues that he wanted clarified:

- The 3,680 acres of reserved land makes up only about half the base. The rest was condemned land, and there is no law that allows federal reserved water rights for condemned land.
- The claims constitute apparently duplicate water claims — under state rights and under federal reserved rights.
- Though established as an airfield in 1943, that designation was changed in 1952 to an air base, and the earlier reservation was revoked.
- The base has existed 55 years without an implied federal water right.
- And what amount is necessary for the purposes of the land reservation? The base has several irrigated athletic fields, parks, playgrounds and a golf course.

Wood gave the parties until Dec. 11 to file responses to those unresolved issues.

## Study: Mentally ill more likely to smoke

Los Angeles Times

Nearly half of all cigarettes purchased in the United States are smoked by people who suffer from mental illnesses, according to Harvard Medical School research.

Mentally ill people are roughly twice as likely to smoke cigarettes as those without mental illnesses, according to the research published in today's Journal of the American Medical Association.

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## SNOW ON THE ROOFTOPS



A 10th Street resident views the heavy accumulation of snow in Buffalo, N.Y., Tuesday, after a lake-effect snow storm paralyzed the city. The National Guard helped deal with the effects, which included trapped motorists in their cars, and thousands of workers and schoolchildren stranded overnight at offices, supermarkets, City Hall and restaurants.

## U.S. hoists Stars and Stripes in Belgrade

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)—The American flag was raised above the run-down building of the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade on Tuesday, symbolically reopening the mission 19 months after it was evacuated.

The low-key ceremony, attended only by around 20 people,

came after the Washington and Belgrade restored diplomatic ties, cut in March 1999 at the start of NATO's bombing of Yugoslavia to stop its crackdown in Kosovo. "It was a very moving moment for me," said William Montgomery, the top U.S. diplomat in the Yugoslav capital, adding that the

opening marked the "formal end to a very difficult period."

## Ex-GIs: U.S. troops in Korea War had orders to shoot local civilians

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Two ex-GIs who handled radio and message traffic told Pentagon investigators that American troops had orders from higher headquarters to fire on civilian refugees at No Gun Ri in the early days of the Korean War.

The sworn statements by Lawrence Levine and James Crume, who were assigned to the headquarters of 2nd battalion, 7th Cavalry regiment, are the first from a higher command level to publicly support recollections of some other veterans that they were ordered to shoot civilians for fear North Korean infiltrators were among them.

Although official Army documents don't mention infiltrators at No Gun Ri, both men say they believed in July 1950—and today—that disguised enemy soldiers were a serious threat to the U.S. troops, then taking part in a chaotic southward retreat.

"Our understanding was, and it was an understanding, not absolute fact, that amongst these people there were North Korean

spies and soldiers, who were reporting our positions," said Levine, 72, of Encino, Calif.

According to former U.S. soldiers and Korean survivors, a large number of South Korean civilians were killed at a railroad bridge near the No Gun Ri hamlet. The killings are the subject of yearlong investigations by the U.S. Army and the Seoul government. Findings in both inquiries are expected next month.

In recent interviews, Crume and Levine told The Associated Press that the order to fire on civilians came down the chain of

command from division or higher headquarters and was passed on to the battalion's line companies. The two foxhole buddies said they gave a similar account to Army investigators last spring.

"I'm sure the battalion commander and the 53 (operations officer) discussed it... even before they put the order out to stop the refugees," said Crume, 72, of Kennewick, Wash. "All I know is the order was given—you're not going through," and the order was given to the heavy weapons company, and that was it."

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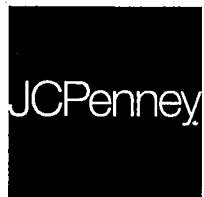
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## NATION

Tuesday's events  
Developments in the Florida  
presidential election recount:

**Counting**

- **Miami-Dade County:** With 99 of 814 precincts recounted through Tuesday, Al Gore had gained 114 votes over last week's official totals.
- **Broward County:** With 605 of 609 precincts recounted plus 1,183 absentee ballots, Gore had gained 123 votes.
- **Palm Beach County:** With 103 of 531 precincts counted by hand, Gore had gained three votes.

**Courts**

- **Miami-Dade Circuit Judge David Tobin** rejected Republican requests to set standards for ballot review and to search garbage cans for chads in Florida's most populous county.
- **Florida Democrats** file a motion for an emergency hearing seeking to have a court force the Palm Beach canvassing board to apply a broader standard for accepting votes. The motion contends the board is violating a court order that said "a policy of exclusion of any ballot that does not have a partially punched or hanging chad is not in compliance with the law."
- **Democrats** maintain there are hundreds of dimpled chads that should count for Gore.

**Timetable**

- In **Palm Beach County**, the election canvassing board is making plans to give counters a few days off around Thanksgiving. But the board itself will have only one day of rest. The hand counting will finish at 5 p.m. EST today. Counters will then be off until Sunday at 7 a.m. The canvassing boards will meet from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday to consider questionable ballots.
- In **Miami-Dade County**, the hand counting will finish at 8 p.m. Wednesday. Counters will take Thursday off but return at 8 a.m. Friday and work through Dec. 1, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
- In **Broward County**, hand counting teams neared the end of their work Tuesday, but the three-member canvassing board faced a stack of absentee and questionable ballots that could take them days to sort through.

**Quotes**

"We did exactly what he told us we should have done, so there's no reason for us to go back and do it again. In terms of what we did, we were in full conformity with this letter."

— **David Leahy**, Miami-Dade elections supervisor, on Attorney General Bob Butterworth's letter about overseas ballots.

"It's my duty to do it. It's an honor to be here."

— **Broward County Circuit Judge Robert Rosenberg** said during a break from his first day as a new member of the canvassing board. He replaced Jane Carroll, who quit citing the toll of long hours.

"It was not a landslide victory. This is about 1,000 votes out of 6 million. Vice President Gore has both publicly and privately indicated that he might lose. Governor Bush needs to do the same. Instead, he's acting like 'I won, and he hasn't won.'"

— **Bob Kerrey**, D-Nebr.

## Election

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she would reject amended tallies from the counties still conducting manual recounts.

"To allow the secretary to summarily disenfranchise innocent electors in an effort to punish dilatory board members, as she proposes in the present case, misses the constitutional mark," the court said. "The constitution eschews punishment by proxy."

The 42-page decision, announced at 9:45 p.m., was issued after a fitful day of waiting by both campaigns and set in motion the final stage of resolving one of the closest and most controversial presidential elections in U.S. history.

Gore remains ahead of Bush in the popular vote nationally and in the electoral college. But Bush has never trailed in the popular vote in Florida, and whoever wins that state's 25 electoral votes will become the next president.

In Florida, Bush leads Gore by 930 votes, according to the secretary of state's official tally. But the vice president has gained up at least 230 votes in the recounts underway in South Florida. Gore's hopes now rest on whether the three counties adopt a broad standard for determining whether to include the so-called dimpled ballots in their count.

As of late afternoon Tuesday, Gore had picked up about 115 votes in Broward and an estimated 114 in Miami-Dade. In Palm Beach County, officials did not update Monday's count, which showed Gore gaining three votes. Broward was the farthest along, having manually recounted all 609 precincts; Palm Beach was about a quarter of the way through and Miami-Dade still in the early stages.

But hundreds of contested ballots have been set aside for review in Broward County. Those with dimples — indentations but no clear punched hole — will be examined and if county officials can determine the voter's intent, they will be included in the final count. Republicans are contesting a court order requiring officials to examine the dimpled ballots.

Similarly in Palm Beach, hundreds of ballots have been challenged by observers for the two campaigns. Democrats said Tuesday that the members have changed little in Palm Beach County since the original machine recount because most of the ballots not read by machines have been set aside for later consideration. "They're not counting anything that the machine did not count," one Democratic lawyer said.

The two sides will be in Palm Beach County Circuit Court Wednesday for another hearing on the standards for examining and including dimpled ballots there, with Democrats urging Judge Jorge Labarga to order county officials to count the dimpled ballots where intent can be determined.

Dade County officials originally estimated that they would not complete their recount until Dec. 1, a deadline now meaningless in the face of the Supreme Court ruling.

Lawmakers  
eye electoral  
vote changes

The Associated Press

Republican lawmakers in three states that went for Al Gore are proposing that they divide their state's electoral votes by congressional district, rather than the win-

ner-take-all system.

In California, Illinois and New Jersey, state legislators proposed or planned bills to change their state laws so that the electoral vote can more closely match the popular vote.

To reform or abolish the Electoral College, as some in Congress have proposed, would require a constitutional amendment. But states could choose on their own to change how they divide their electoral votes.



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# NATION

## Study shows sleep helps improve memory skills

BOSTON (AP) — Forget about pulling an all-nighter before an exam — a study suggests it's more important to get a good night's rest.

Harvard Medical School researchers, led by assistant professor of psychiatry Robert Stickgold, found that people who slept after learning and practicing a new task remembered more about it the next day than people who stayed up all night after learning the same thing.

The study, which will be published in the December issue of *Nature Neuroscience*, was released Tuesday.

The study is another piece in a growing body of evidence that suggests proper rest is necessary for learning.

"We think getting that first night's sleep starts the process of memory consolidation," Stickgold said. "It seems that memories normally wash out of the brain unless some process nails them down."

The 24 participants were trained to identify the orientation of three diagonal bars flashed for one-sixtieth of a second on a horizontal-striped computer screen.

Half of the participants went to sleep that night. The others were kept awake until the second night of the study. Both groups were allowed to sleep on the second and third nights.

On the fourth day, both groups were tested on how proficient they had become at identifying the orientation of the diagonal bars. Those who slept on the first night performed better than they had the first day. Those who didn't sleep did not improve.

## Man kills family, himself over gambling debts

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. (AP) — A man who came home from Las Vegas distraught over gambling debts killed his pregnant wife and three children, then shot himself to death, police said Tuesday.

A maid found the bodies in their beds in the family's neat brick home in this Detroit suburb shortly after noon.

A suicide note left open and pinned down with salt and pepper shakers was found on the kitchen counter.

In it, 42-year-old Jihad Hassan Moukalled expressed remorse about gambling debts and "clearly indicated he was sorry he had to take the lives of his wife and children," Police Chief William Dwyer said.

The victims were identified as his wife, Fatima, 31; daughter Aya, 7; son Adam, 5; and daughter Lila, who would have turned 3 on Saturday.

## Homebuyer finds remains of former owner

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — A man making his first visit to a house he bought at a sheriff's auction found skeletal remains believed to be those of the former owner.

Police said there was no evidence of foul play, but the county coroner was to examine the remains. Authorities said the man may have been dead more than two years.

Police said the remains apparently were those of Eugene Bearringer, who would have been 50. The skeleton was found on the living room floor Monday by William Houttekier of Temperance, Mich.

The house was sold last week at auction because taxes weren't paid on the property for several years. County authorities had tried to contact Bearringer and out-of-state relatives through mailings.

County Auditor Larry Kaczala said that when the property is foreclosed and goes up for sale, no one from the county ever sets foot on it.

"The government would have no right to go onto that property, because we don't own it. We just sell it for the back taxes," he said.

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## EDITORIAL

# Rejection of skate park bids isn't fatal

It shouldn't surprise anyone that the Twin Falls City Council voted Monday to reject two offers to build a city skate park. The lowest bid was for \$172,556, but the city - with a little help from skate park supporters - had only \$130,000 to spend.

Rejecting the bids was the right thing to do. It gives skate park supporters more time to raise money and hustle up the kind of donations of labor and materials.

As a fund-raising objective, building a city skate park isn't much different from the push to cover the city pool. There is essentially no time limit; so supporters can keep collecting money until they can afford what they want. The fund-raising stops when the goal is met.

There's another option, however. Skate park supporters could stop passing the hat, scale back the proposal and settle for what \$140,000 would buy. It wouldn't have all the sought-after goodies, but it would produce a skate park. With the right planning, the missing goodies could be added later.

Either way, a city-owned skate park is a good idea. Many people have

grown weary of confrontations with sometimes surly skaters in parking lots and on public sidewalks. The skaters, understandably, are tired of being told to go elsewhere.

They have no place to go, so there is no "elsewhere." It's not just their problem. It's everyone's problem.

If Twin Falls can build a park for its all-but-invisible horse-shoe enthusiasts, it should be able to build a skate park for its all-too-visible skateboarders.

... and another thing

While on the subject of gravity sports, it's worth noting that a Colorado jury has convicted an out-of-control skier who collided with, and killed, another skier at Vail Mountain. Nathan Hall was originally charged with reckless manslaughter, but the jury convicted him of criminally negligent homicide. He faces a maximum sentence of eight years in prison.

The problem is that aggressive skiers routinely treat others on the ski hill like slam gates - whooshing past at warp speed, scan inches away. Hall's conviction is a long-overdue reminder that personal responsibility also rides the chairlift.

*A city-owned skate park is an idea whose time has come.*

*Many people have grown weary of confrontations with sometimes surly skaters. The skaters, understandably, are tired of being told to go elsewhere.*

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# Even Al isn't always right

The widespread idolizing of Alan Greenspan may be the simplest explanation of why America's post-election melodrama has produced so little popular anxiety.

The unspoken assumption seems to be that either Bush or Gore matters more to the economy than Greenspan. As long as he safeguards prosperity, the country can bear the suspense of not knowing the next occupant of the White House. This Greenspan worship is as understandable as it is delusional. Having enjoyed the longest boom in U.S. history, Americans feel entitled to their optimism. In the abstract, most people may recognize that the business cycle isn't dead. But in practice, they seem to believe that Greenspan can disarm almost any conceivable danger.

Though romanticized, Greenspan's reputation is not undeserved. Woodward's book makes it clear that by temperament, intellect and experience, Greenspan was almost born to head the Federal Reserve Board. A job description might read: "Should thoroughly understand the economy. Must embrace the Fed's role in preventing inflation and financial panic. Needs nerves of steel during crises. Requires political skills to mute outside criticism."

On all counts, Greenspan qualifies. His obsession with understanding the economy is well known. For nearly four decades, he ran a successful private forecasting firm. Unlike many academics, he does not hold fidelity to a single model of the economy. Greenspan immerses himself in statistics to discover changes.

This curiosity caused Greenspan to doubt standard predictions that inflation would dangerously accelerate as economic growth raised prices and unemployment fell in the late 1990s. From the data, he saw evidence that computer investments were improving business efficiency, aka "productivity." Companies could offset higher costs without raising prices and still enjoy greater profits. As a result, the Fed moved slowly to tame the boom. Since mid-1999, it has raised short-term interest rates from 4.75 percent



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to 6.5 percent.

But no one doubts Greenspan's commitment to containing inflation or his belief in markets. Indeed, popular thinking has moved closer to Greenspan's. When he served as chairman of President Ford's Council of Economic Advisers between 1974 and 1977, Greenspan was regarded as a slightly fanatical disciple of the rabidly anti-communist writer Ayn Rand.

What she did to make me see that capitalism is not only efficient and practical, but also moral," Greenspan told Newsweek then. People didn't speak this way in the mid-1970s. Capitalism was an archaic concept. The emphasis was on the "mixed economy" of power sharing between government and business. People didn't mistake freedom and creativity.

The mistake now is to equate his past successes with infallibility. No one - including Greenspan - can fully predict the twists of the U.S. and world economies. Case in point: Asia's 1997-98 financial crisis surprised almost everyone. Even if forecasting were perfect, the Fed has only the short-term Fed funds rate to move the economy. It's a crude tool. Finally, confidence in the Fed (and Greenspan). There are already many signs of speculative excess: some collapsed stock prices; bad bank loans; bankruptcies among dot-coms.

"Every business cycle is the same with the exception of some fundamental difference that characterizes that particular cycle and rarely, if ever, is in evidence in other cycles," Greenspan once said. In this cycle, is Greenspan the fundamental difference?

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# Canyonlands deserve immediate protection

Recently, The Times-News published an editorial ("Don't rush decision on Owyhee canyonlands") questioning the need for the president to establish an Owyhee-Bruneau Canyonlands National Monument before he leaves office next year. "No one denies that the canyon country is a rare and magnificent piece of real estate. Maybe its glorious vistas do need protection. But must they receive it before Jan. 20?" Yes, yes, they must! Here is why we must "seize the day."

Idahoans overwhelmingly support extending national monument status to these "rare and magnificent" lands. As The Times-News pointed out, a recent poll shows that 80 percent of Idahoans support an Owyhee-Bruneau Canyonlands National Monument that would include the "responsible multiple uses like grazing and recreational activities" that the Owyhee-Bruneau Canyonlands Coalition has called for with only 13 percent opposed. That's 6-1, a hefty margin.

In the spirit of the common misapprehension that establishing national monuments constitutes a "federal land grab" that will "lock the public out of public lands" (Owyhee County Commission Chairman Richard Bass), the editorial asserts that "if they (Idaho environmentalists) succeed, the public's use of the public's land will once again be curtailed." This is simply ridiculous. (By the way, we're talking about conservation here, not the environment, and therefore Idaho conservationists, not environmentalists.) This is no federal land grab; it's federal land already. And

## READER COMMENT

Duane Reynolds

The public will definitely not be shut out: The Owyhee-Bruneau Canyonlands Coalition supports continued hunting, fishing and livestock grazing there (as they have, for example, within the newly expanded Craters of the Moon National Monument). Ironically, the public recently has been literally locked out in parts of the area but not by the federal government: According to a recent article in The Idaho Statesman, ranchers pressured to protect fragile high-desert streams from their cattle "have retaliated by closing their roads to hunters and hikers. Owyhee County has even passed a law forbidding the Bureau of Land Management to take visitors on private roads." So who's locking out the public here? Not the federal government.

What does the editorial recommend instead of having the president establish a new national monument, which it claims will "threaten the notion of a fair and rational public process?" Idaho's governor suggests... public hearings (and) our senior senator... wants a vote in Congress. "While I fully endorse public participation, my skepticism kicks in when I hear politicians say they want more of it, and since when does congressional action constitute 'a fair and rational public process'?" You can't be serious: One of Sen. Craig's most outrageous political acts was the notorious and unpopular timber Salvage Rider of 1995. I'd like for Sen. Craig to explain

how he involved the public then: He seems to believe that the only "public" that counts is himself, his congressional buddies and those who write them big checks. Congress, including Gov. Kempthorne when he was a senator, has had a chance every congressional session for years to take a shot at doing this their way, but nothing ever happened. In fact, Congress will be in session again before President Clinton leaves office, so Idaho's congressional delegation still has the chance to beat him to the punch if they want to, as Oregon's delegation recently did with Steen's Mountain. But don't hold your breath waiting for them to show leadership on this. What I hear is the sound of heavy foot-dragging.

Since Congress has continually defaulted on this, it's time for the president to step in. In fact, that's why Congress gave then-President Theodore Roosevelt authority through the Antiquities Act of 1906 to establish national monuments in the first place. Congress recognized that sometimes it is unable to act quickly enough to protect places that need and deserve protection, so it gave power to the president to do so. You can be sure that the new president, whoever he is, will be caught up in a lot of other more pressing matters, like establishing political legitimacy, so it may be a long time before the Owyhee-Bruneau Canyonlands comes up on a president's radar again. President Clinton is in a position to get this done, and now is the time to do it!

Duane Reynolds of Twin Falls is the conservation chairman for the Sawtooth Group of the Sierra Club.

# LETTERS

## Products outweigh offensive odors

I would like to thank Joyce Gifford for taking time to write something positive about the beef and dairy industry. As residents of a rural area, we should realize that part of living in an agricultural area results in dealing with offensive odors from time to time. However, the complaints we all read about on a regular basis seem to always be negative.

I would hope that local residents would take a minute and think about where they get their meat and milk products. If it were not for the beef and dairy industry, we would not have the quality products we are accustomed to.

KANDRA DANOS  
Goding

## UN provides security umbrella

Thank you very much for reprinting the editorial about the United Nations in the Nov. 18 paper. It is very good to

read a positive word about this organization. The continued existence of the UN is one of the most encouraging sign of the new century. The UN is the only world forum where small nations can make their concerns heard. Under the umbrella of the UN, nations cooperatively pool their resources to fight hunger and disease, protect refugees, keep the peace, protect the environment, preserve local cultures and promote democracy.

The UN is facing a severe financial crisis, largely because selfish nations like the United States are not paying their dues. Why is it that we are unwilling to contribute \$1.6 billion for international cooperation, yet we are willing to budget more than 200 times that for our own military establishment? Why is it that we feel we can support some international efforts (prosecuting airplane bombers and Bosnians) but thumb our nose at others (environmental protection)? I think it all comes down to

money and power. We want to keep it all. America is the latest great empire. But if you look at history, it is obvious that empires don't last.

We need to stop trying to use the UN for our selfish interests and, instead, look for ways to share our financial and intellectual resources for the good of the entire world. Our arrogance makes us "ugly Americans." Let's drop that and wholeheartedly join the community of nations.

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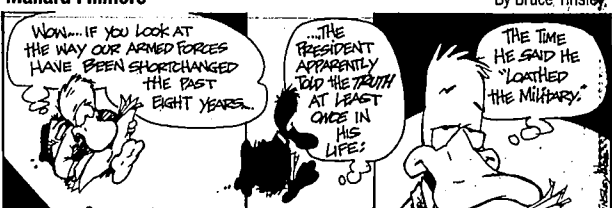
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# Government says environmental lawsuits stymie endangered list

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Fish and Wildlife Service says it can't add more wildlife to the endangered species list this year because it has to spend so much time and money defending lawsuits from environmentalists.

The decision means that about 25 species being considered for the endangered list will have to wait past the end of this fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30, 2001, agency spokesman Hugh Vickery said.

The agency will make exceptions for species in imminent danger of becoming extinct.

The service is swamped by lawsuits from environmental groups demanding "critical habitat" designation for some of the 1,225 species in the U.S. already listed as threatened or endangered. A critical habitat ruling describes the area where a species either lives or could live.

"We just don't have the staff or the funding necessary to do anything that isn't ordered by a court," Vickery said Tuesday. He said the agency expects to decide on 57 critical habitat areas for about 300 species this year.

Environmentalists are crying foul.

"Fish and Wildlife is playing serious politics, and the loser is America's endangered wildlife," said David Hogan of the Center for Biological Diversity. The Tucson, Ariz.-based group has filed several lawsuits to force the service to designate critical habitat.

Congress approved almost \$6.4 million for the agency's endangered species work during fiscal 2001, up from about \$6.2 million last year but less than the \$7.2 million President Clinton requested. The agency had expected to add about 30 species to the endangered list this year.

The federal Endangered Species Act gives the Fish and Wildlife Service the responsibility of determining which creatures should be protected and outlining for other agencies what is necessary to protect the listed species from extinction.

An endangered or threatened

listing means that federal agencies may take no action or approve any project that harms the species. For example, federal authorities could not approve construction of a dam that would harm an endangered fish.

In critical habitat areas, those restrictions on federal agencies also extend to areas where the listed species do not live but are needed for their recovery. Thus a federal agency could not approve the construction of a dam in a critical habitat area for an endangered fish if the dam would destroy that habitat, even if the fish were not actually present there.


The Fish and Wildlife Service has labeled critical habitat for 133 endangered or threatened species, about 10 percent of the total on the lists.

The agency would rather focus on designating species as endangered rather than designating "critical habitat," Vickery said. Habitat rulings are expensive, time-consuming and offer little additional protection to species, Vickery said.

The species that will have to wait for possible endangered listings include the Aleutian sea otter, Mississippi gopher frog and the coastal cutthroat trout, Vickery said.

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# WORLD

## Killing persist; Egypt blames Israel for escalating violence

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)—An angry and frustrated Egypt, blaming Israel for escalating violence, recalled its ambassador to Israel on Tuesday, but said it is not abandoning efforts to achieve peace.

Jordan, the only other Arab country that has a peace treaty with Israel, announced it was holding up accreditation of its new ambassador to Israel until the Jewish state halts its attacks on Palestinians.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak said he wasn't happy with Egypt's diplomatic move and that it did not contribute to Egypt's role in the peace process.

The diplomatic blows came as new attacks fueled a spiral of violence in this seashore strip. An Israeli teen-ager and a Palestinian security officer were shot and killed in incidents just a few hours apart.

After nightfall, Israeli military

transporters were seen delivering tanks and armored personnel carriers to army bases in Gaza.

"I don't want to delude anyone. We are not on a picnic," Barak said while visiting Israeli army headquarters in Gaza. "We are in a struggle. If we have to fight, we will know how to fight."

The trouble again focused on the area near Kfar Darom, an isolated Israeli settlement where a bomb went off near a school bus Monday, killing two

Israelis and wounding nine, including five children. Israel retaliated for that attack with punishing rocket attacks Monday night that wounded more than 60 people.

At midday Tuesday, Israeli soldiers opened fire and killed a Palestinian intelligence officer who they said was approaching the guard post in a suspicious manner. The army said the officer was armed, but did not open fire.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Businesses announce holiday closures

**TWIN FALLS** - A few errands might need to be postponed, or done ahead, over the long Thanksgiving weekend. Here is a list of places that will be closed, or open, Thursday and Friday:

- City Hall will be closed Thursday and Friday.
- County, state and federal offices will close Thursday and reopen Friday.
- The U.S. Post Office will close Thursday and open Friday.
- Trash pickup will be one day behind, beginning Friday.
- Most banks will close Thursday and open Friday.
- The Twin Falls Public Library will close Thursday and open Friday.
- The College of Southern Idaho will close at 1 p.m. today, and close Thursday and Friday.
- The Magic Valley Mall will close Thursday, except Shopko. The mall will be open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, differing from usual hours.
- Major grocery stores will be open Thursday with limited hours, returning to regular hours Friday. Albertson's will be open from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday. Smith's will be open until 4 p.m. Thursday and Swenmart will be open until 1 p.m. Thursday.
- The Twin Falls Social Security office will close Thursday and open Friday.
- Joslin Field Magic Valley Regional Airport will have flights as usual.

### Thrift stores receive honors for recycling

**TWIN FALLS** - A local thrift store chain was recognized Tuesday for its recycling efforts. The Southern Idaho Regional Solid Waste District awarded its Recycler of the Year honors to the Idaho Youth Ranch Thrift Stores.

"Idaho Youth Ranch Thrift Stores in Buhl, Gooding, Jerome, Rupert, Twin Falls and Burley collect and resell tons of goods each year that might otherwise be deposited in the Milner Butte Landfill," according to a news release from the Solid Waste District.

### Twin Falls Western Days announces logo contest

**TWIN FALLS** - A contest is being held to find a new logo for Western Days 2001.

Everyone is invited to participate in the contest. The Western Days Board of Directors will select a winner who will receive a \$250 cash prize.

Here are the guidelines:

- The logo needs to be original artwork. It can be done by hand or by computer. When designing the logo, keep in mind that the purpose of Western Days is to celebrate Idaho's Western heritage.
- Keep the logo simple. It will be used for a variety of purposes, such as a letterhead, banners, fliers, posters, flags, T-shirts and other items.
- Keep the colors simple. No more than five colors should be used in the design.
- The logo must be submitted on 8 1/2-inch by 11-inch paper. If the logo was designed using a computer, submit a color copy of the logo as well as a copy of the computer file on a 3.5 diskette. Specify the format of any computer file.
- All logos submitted will be the property of Twin Falls Western Days.
- All entries must be received by Dec. 15, and the winners will be announced Dec. 20. Mail or deliver entries to Robyn M. Brody, vice-chairman Western Days, c/o Heworth, Lezanich & Hohnhorst, 133 Shoshone St. N., P.O. Box 389, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

For more information, call Brody at 734-7510.

Compiled from staff reports

### More stories

Look for more Magic Valley stories on page B4.

# Lab to produce isotope

## Energy Department picks INEEL for plutonium project

By N.S. Nokkenthed  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Federal Energy Department plans to produce a form of plutonium used to power spacecraft will include Idaho, officials announced Tuesday.

The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory was selected to produce the plutonium isotope, but the process to extract the isotope will be done at a facility in Tennessee.

The material - plutonium-238 - is the most radioactive form of plutonium and the heat produced by the radiation is used to generate electricity and "keep things from freezing up," INEEL spokesman Brad Bugger said.

The Snake River Alliance, a statewide nuclear watchdog group, is relieved that the recovery process will not be done in Idaho. The process produces a lot of liquid, radioactive waste, alliance director Gary Richardson said.

"Anytime plutonium comes to Idaho we're concerned," Richardson said. "They don't have good track records with plutonium."

But to INEEL officials, producing the plutonium is no different than the other medical and commercial isotopes produced at the INEEL Advanced Test

Reactor.

"We handle radioactive isotopes of all types on a regular basis," Bugger said. The plutonium is no more concern than other isotopes.

The plutonium isotope would be produced by inserting a piece of the metal neptunium in the reactor. The nuclear reaction transforms the neptunium to the desired plutonium isotope.

An isotope is a form of an element with a slightly different nuclear configuration - it may have an extra neutron or be missing a neutron. The difference is expressed in the atomic number. The form of plutonium used in bombs is plutonium 239, for example.

The Advanced Test Reactor is the only operating reactor at INEEL. It also performs research on fuel for the U.S. Navy's

nuclear powered ships.

The decision announced Tuesday includes shutting down, decontaminating and decommissioning the facility at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in Washington that was considered a possible site for the project. But the proposal had generated statewide opposition in Washington state.

The plutonium-238 produced at INEEL would be used on the spacecraft NASA wants to send to Pluto - but possibly not until 2020. The mission would use most of the plutonium produced at INEEL.

Extracting the plutonium is similar to extracting bomb-grade plutonium and the uranium once recovered from reactor fuel at INEEL, a process that left 8 million gallons of highly radioactive liquid waste.

## THE NEXT MR. TWIN FALLS?



Joel Brown dances with his sister, Emily, during the sportswear competition of the Mr. Twin Falls High School Pageant Tuesday night at the Roper Auditorium. The event is sponsored by the Business Professionals of America.

## Officials wait on final report of dog deaths

USDA to release preliminary  
findings on algae next week

By Dan Fields  
and Ruth Streeter  
Times-News writers

**BURLEY** - U.S. Department of Agriculture veterinarians have an idea why area dogs have been dying along the Snake

River, but won't have final confirmation on a cause until sometime next week.

The USDA has received a preliminary confirmation from a University of Idaho laboratory that samples of blue-green algae were found in the stomachs of two dogs that died this year, and in river samples, said USDA veterinarian Kendal Eyre.

The university's lab staff is trying to confirm whether the algae contained fatal neurotoxins, Eyre said.

The suspect algae had been ruled out as the cause of several dog deaths last year, because it was thought to be too late in the year for the algae. After ruling out several other possibilities, the focus of the investigation turned to malicious poisoning, but extensive testing never revealed a source.

Eyre said it's no longer likely the deaths were intentional, because of where the new evidence is pointing.

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## Family taxi service

Motel owner says he  
wants to be an asset  
to M-C community

By Ruth Streeter  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - If you find yourself stranded or a tad too tipsy on a Friday night, Juan Castro will gladly rise out of his slumber to drive you home.

He has done it for strangers and acquaintances numerous times during the seven years he's owned Burley's Starlite Motel. And now the retired truck driver wants to make his volunteer taxi service a part of his livelihood.

Castro and his stepson, Dennis Abbott, are starting up a Burley-based taxi service they hope will eventually span Mini-Cassia. Likely to be up and running early next week, Castro will be the sole cabbie, on call 24 hours a day. Castro recently finished 20

years with a spotless safety record as a truck driver for Magic Valley Produce in Paul. But at 58, Castro said it was too early to retire entirely.

So he decided to do what he's been doing on a volunteer basis for quite some time. "I believe in changes. I believe I'll be an asset to this community - for Hispanics and Anglos," said Castro, who first moved from Texas to Minidoka in 1962.

Castro has picked up a pair of hunters at the Burley airport, taken them to dinner and back again. He has answered his door at 4 a.m. to teen-age girls in search of a ride home.

Castro said he knows the area and its people, and expects to be a service especially to Hispanics who don't speak English.

Castro plans to staff his new business, Starlite Taxi, with clean cut, well-dressed chauffeurs. His first cab will be a 1986 Mercury Grand Marquis with only 83,000 miles on it. If business flies, Castro will bring on a second cab and hire an additional driver.

Monday, the Burley City Council approved Starlite Taxi's permit. Abbott said Starlite Taxi will serve only Burley until he checks on other city and county regulations on taxi service.

Starlite Taxi will charge a \$3

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## OUT FOR A GLIDE



Zachary Lindholm, of Halley, shuffles through the North Fork campground seven miles north of Ketchum. The Blaine County Recreation District opened several cross-country trails this week, including the Harman Trail from Prairie Creek to Galena Lodge, the North Wood Trails across the highway from Galena Lodge and a few trails around Galena Lodge. Sun Valley's downhill resort opens Thanksgiving Day.

## Ranchers, business owners unite over wolf issue

By N.S. Nokkenthed  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - A small group of people in central Idaho are not interested in compromise - they want only one thing, and that is to get rid of the wolves in Idaho.

Stanley outfitter Ron Gillett and other members of the Central Idaho Wolf Coalition fear that the wolves introduced in central Idaho in 1995 and 1996 will decimate deer and elk herds and reduce hunting and wildlife viewing opportunities, hurting their businesses.

"We're not a bunch of dope dealers, we're small businesses trying to survive," Gillett said.

The group of central Idaho outfitters, ranchers and business owners has organized an effort to remove the wolves from Idaho.

Gillett, who was in Twin Falls Tuesday to generate support for his anti-wolf group, told about 18 people that the wolves will kill off all the big game herds in Idaho in the next two years.

Most wildlife biologists agree that wolves will affect big game herds. Hunting may be affected in some areas, while other areas are unaffected.

But it's premature to say that wolves will have an effect on the deer and elk population in Idaho, says Carter Niemeyer, head of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's wolf recovery program in Idaho. About 160 wolves are spread over a large area with 100,000 or more elk.

Carl Nellis, regional supervisor in Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Jerome office says hunters take an average of 28,000 to 30,000 elk annually.

Gillett disagrees with wolf managers in Idaho and says there are 350 to 400 wolves in Idaho. He says federal wolf biologists count only the pups of the dominant female in the pack, but three to six females in a pack have pups.

Wolf biologists say in the typical pack only the dominant female will bear pups, but all the wolves in the pack help with rearing the young.

Gillett also said wolves are vicious predators.

"You kill people, no doubt about it," he said, citing a documentary on wolves in northern India.

Wolf biologists, however, say there are no documented cases in North America of a healthy wolf seriously injuring or killing a human.

Wolves were reintroduced to central Idaho in 1995 and 1996 and have thrived since then, roaming between the Stanley

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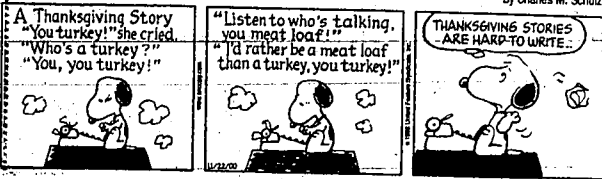






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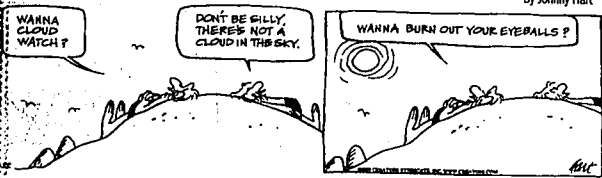
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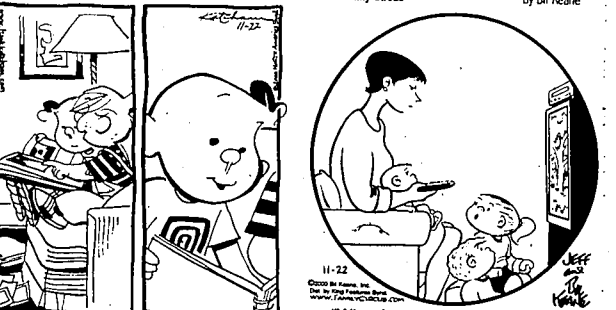
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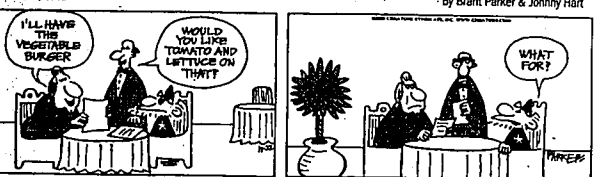
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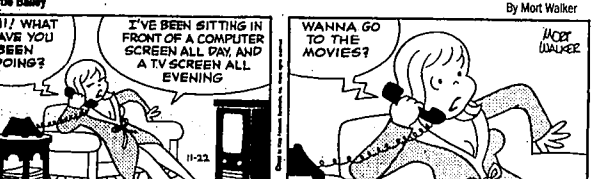
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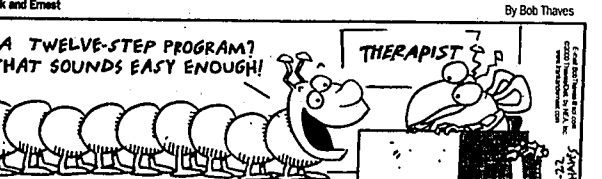
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## The coach with Shtick appeal

Region II has a traveling circus and its name is NEO - as in North Eastern Oklahoma A&amp;M.

And prior to this season, the Lady Norse had won three volleyball matches.

Total.

Not three matches last year, nor three matches the year before, just three matches, period. The school had cycled through three coaches in three seasons and put together a record so awful, the thought of winning one match, let alone one match at the National Junior College Athletic Association Volleyball Tournament, was a major accomplishment.

So what did Northeastern Oklahoma decide to do about

BEYOND THE GAME  
Joe Sunnen

being one of the worst NJCAA Division I volleyball programs in the nation?

They hired a basketball coach.

"Most people that spend eight years in college end up with a doctorate degree," said coach Rick Karr. "I didn't go that route."

Karr worked as a traveling basketball assistant and was an national recruiter for NEO A&amp;M before landing the position as head volleyball coach.

His handgrip face and bloodshot eyes fit perfectly with a sense of humor so dry it can only be described as parched.

"They misspelled something on my Region II Coach of the Year award," Karr said. "Look, that Y should be an R. I should be Coach of the Year."

Uh-huh.

Karr had some connections in Brazil through his basketball experience and added three players from Rio de Janeiro to the roster. He also spent three weeks studying the game and the way it is practiced. The results have been equally confounding and spectacular.

"They don't practice blocking in Brazil," Karr said. "They just step back and dig out everything. That's what we do. We dig everything."

And sure enough, in the first match the Lady Norse played in the tournament, not one player stayed at the net to block when Utah Valley State College was on the attack. It got so bad that at one point, Karr pleaded with UVSC coach Sam Atoa to call a timeout because he had used all of his and wanted to talk things over with his own team.

"There's a special section in the hallway for all the coaches to go and laugh at us," Karr said. "If you walk out the door, on the left side is the smoking section and on the right side is everybody else laughing at us."

Besides having the NJCAA version of former NBA star Spud Webb playing outside hitter in 5-foot-5 Paula Castro (who sports a 34-inch vertical leap), the Lady Norse are led by a group of sophomores that had won only one match in their careers prior to this season. They're well beyond that now, however, having won 33 matches this year.

"At first I thought just getting there was an accomplishment," Karr said. "But now that I'm here, I just want to win a match. I had never even won a volleyball match until the first one I coached in."

Karr got his wish when the Lady Norse eliminated Alabama's Wallace State College in a five-set marathon late Monday.

After the match, you would have thought the Lady Norse had just earned a berth to the championship. Every player lay sprawled on the floor, exhausted after the brutal five games, while Karr nearly sprinted to the sidelines to hug his mother in the stands.

"This is the first win by a Region II team in the history of the tournament," a jubilant Karr said. "Not too bad for a basketball coach."

Times-News sportswriter Joe Sunnen is in Kansas covering the Region II national volleyball tournament. You can leave him a message at 735-3230.

## Giant-killers

## CSI returns to the NJCAA title match

By Joe Sunnen  
Times-News writer

SHAWNEE, Kan. - Going into the National Junior College Athletic Association national volleyball tournament, nobody knew quite what to expect from the six-time champion College of Southern Idaho.

They weren't the same juggernaut that rolled through the tourney bracket in years past. There weren't any returning All-America players and the usual abundance of experienced foreign talent was three young Brazilians and a middle blocker from Puerto Rico that didn't like to practice.

"In the first of the year I wasn't sure," said CSI coach Ben Stroud.



College of Southern Idaho's Karla Bersano, right, blocks an attempted spike by Southwest Missouri West Plains' Jennifer Mals.

## NJCAA Volleyball Tournament

"It's a long road to get to the championship. We have good athletes, we just had to get them fired up."

The team was good, that much was sure. Finishing the season 46-5 and placing second in the tough Scenic West Athletic Conference testified to that.

But how good was good? Could this team stand alongside the six Southern Idaho teams before them that've called themselves national champions?

The Golden Eagles will find out today when they meet defending national champions Miami-Dade Community College for the NJCAA volleyball title.

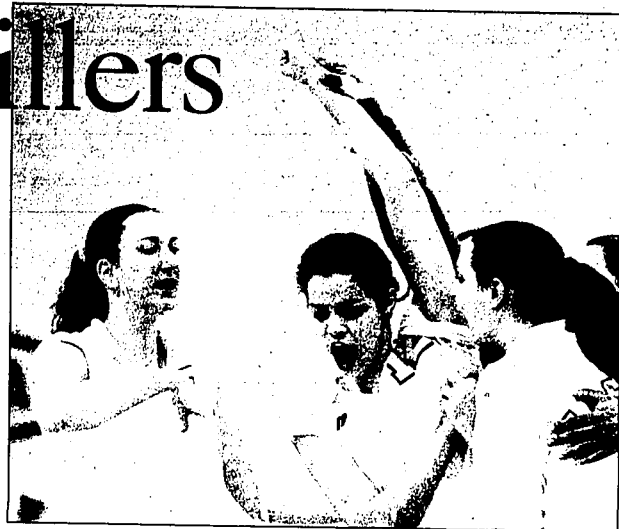
"After three months, things are finally coming together," said sophomore Stephanie Martin, wiping tears from her eyes. "You can never expect things to be easy, but I expect a lot out of this team."

And CSI expects a lot out of Martin. The 6-foot-3 middle blocker has been the catalyst for the Eagles' latest run at the championship. In three matches, she has tallied 51 kills and 30 blocks, including 15 and 7 against Western Nebraska in Tuesday's semifinal round.

Behind Martin, the Eagles easily swept through the Cougars, 15-6, 15-9, 15-4, advancing to the title game and improving their season record to 49-5.

After blistering the Cougars in the first two games, the Eagles found themselves in the same situation they were in last season - leading 2-0 on a team they knew they were better than.

CSI lost to Salt Lake a year ago after winning the first two games of their semifinal match. Stroud and the sophomores weren't about to let it happen again.



College of Southern Idaho players Stephanie Martin, left, Sonymar Santana, center, and Daniela Lanza celebrate after winning a match against Southwest Missouri West Plains in the third-round Tuesday at the National Junior College Volleyball Tournament in Shawnee, Kan. CSI later beat Western Nebraska and will play for its seventh national title today.

## NJCAA National Volleyball Tournament

Today's matches (All Times Mountain)	
Championship	Miami-Dade def. UVSC, 7-15, 16-14, 14-16, 15-3, 15-5
CSI (49-5) vs. Miami-Dade (33-0), 5 p.m.	Quarterfinals
Third place	W. Neb. def. Barton, 15-7, 15-12, 15-9
W. Nebraska (51-2) vs. Utah Valley State (38-8), 3 p.m.	Miami-Dade def. Aniz, Western, 15-6, 15-9, 15-5
Fifth place	Utah Valley def. Seward, 15-11, 15-13, 15-5
Barton (49-5) vs. Seward (47-5), 1 p.m.	Loser-out
Consolation	Lee def. NE Okla., 11-15, 15-5, 15-10, 15-5 (NEO eliminated)
Iowa Western (41-6) vs. Lee College (34), 11 a.m.	Iowa Western def. Pasco Hernandez, 15-4, 13-15, 15-8, 15-7 (PH eliminated)
SWMS (46-8) vs. Aniz, Western (43-9), 11 a.m.	Barton def. SWMS, 15-9, 15-7, 15-13
Tuesday's Games	Seward def. Aniz, Western, 15-2, 15-4, 6-15, 12-15, 15-1
Winner's bracket	
Semifinals	
CSI def. W. Neb., 15-6, 15-9, 15-4	

"After the second game, coach let us know that this is where we were last year," Martin said. "That made us realize that we

though we were up two games, we still couldn't slack off."

CSI ran out to an 8-1 lead with four aces and a strong block by Martin and sophomore Tamekia Moore. The Cougars managed three points near the end of the match, but before they could generate any type of momentum the Eagles went to Martin for the guaranteed sidout.

"Martin does a lot of thing well," Stroud said. "She blocks, serves, plays back row - she is the whole package."

Bersano gathered the match winning kill on a shot down the line and the Eagles found themselves heading back to the title game.

Freshman Karla Bersano led the team with three aces and the team finished with seven total. CSI totaled 49 kills.

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## ALOHA

## No. 8 Illini bounce sixth-ranked Terps

The Associated Press

LAHAINA, Hawaii - Marcus Griffin had all but two of his 19 points in the second half as No. 8 Illinois (3-0) advanced to Wednesday's Maui Invitational championship game against No. 1 Arizona, who beat Dayton (1-1) 76-59.

Sophomore guard Frank Williams added 21 points for Illinois, which prevailed in the season's first matchup between Top 10 teams. Lonny Baxter had 17 points for Maryland (1-1).

## No. 1 Arizona 76, Dayton 59

LAHAINA, Hawaii - Top-ranked Arizona advanced to the championship game of the Maui Invitational for the third time in as many appearances with a 76-59 victory over Dayton on Tuesday night.

The Wildcats (2-0) will face No. 8 Illinois. Arizona lost the other title games, to Kentucky in 1993 and Duke in 1997.

The Wildcats played their second game without preseason All-America center Loren Woods, who was suspended for six games for undisclosed NCAA rules violations.

Tony Stanley led Dayton (1-1) with 13 points.

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## Top 25 college basketball



Illinois forward Sergio McClain, center, goes for a reverse layup after driving past Maryland's Danny Miller, right in the Maui Invitational in Lahaina, Hawaii, Monday. Brian Cook of Illinois is at left.

## Idaho athletes graduate at rate below national average

The Associated Press

BOISE - Scholarship athletes at Idaho's three universities graduate at a rate generally equal to if not higher than the schools' student bodies overall but at a lower rate than major college athletes average nationally, according to a new report by the National College Athletic Association.

The University of Idaho came closest to the 58 percent national average rate for student-athletes to entered college in the fall of 1993. Fifty-one percent of Vandal scholarship players graduated within six years, matching the rate for Idaho students in general. It also matches the average for the freshman classes of scholarship athletes the previous three years.

Boise State University had a 42 percent graduation rate for 1993-1994 freshman student athletes, twice the rate for the student body in general and well above the average of 31 percent for the previous three freshman classes of scholarship players.

And Idaho State University had a rate of 20 percent, nearly matching the general graduation rate of 21 percent but well below the average of 37 percent for the three previous student-athlete freshman classes.

The NCAA annual report put the average graduation rate for all students nationwide at 56 percent.

Women athletes graduated at significantly higher rates than men. Nationally, the rate was 51 percent for men and 68 percent for women. At the University of Idaho, it was 42 percent for men and 65 percent for women, 31 percent for men and 63 percent for women at Boise State and 8 percent for men and 38 percent for women at Idaho State.

The graduation rate for football players was also lower than for all athletes. Track and field competitors generally offset that to lift the overall average.

At Idaho, 47 percent of the 1993-1994 freshman scholarship football players graduated within six years, a point below the national average but well above the 39 percent average for the three previous freshman classes.

Boise State recorded a 21 percent graduation rate, essentially matching the average for the three previous years, while Idaho State saw only 8 percent of that group graduate, well below the 21 percent average for the three previous freshman classes.

Of the student-athletes who exhausted the NCAA eligibility at the schools, 89 percent of the freshman from 1984-1985 through 1993-1994 graduated within six years compared to the national rate of 81 percent.

Boise State's rate over that decade was 75 percent while Idaho State was 68 percent.



Baseball commissioner Bud Selig

## MLB commissioner promises 'sweeping changes'

Average salaries have jumped from \$51,501 to \$1.8 million in 25 years

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Baseball commissioner Bud Selig told a Senate panel Tuesday it was time for "sweeping changes" in the game's economics, raising the possibility of another work stoppage after next season.

"At the start of spring training, there no longer exists hope and

faith for the fans of more than half our 30 clubs," Selig testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on antitrust, business rights and competition. "It is my job to restore hope and faith. I can assure you this system will be changed."

Selig cited statistics that only three of 189 postseason games since the 1994-95 strike were won by

teams that didn't have payrolls among the top half.

The players' association, however, isn't convinced there is a problem, and has fiercely resisted changes to free agency and salary arbitration, which have raised the average salary from \$51,501 in 1976 to about \$1.8 million this year. The last work stoppage - baseball's eighth since 1972 - lasted 232 days, wiping out

the World Series for the first time in 90 years.

Former Senate Majority leader George Mitchell, a member of the owners' latest economic study committee and a director of the Florida Marlins, also testified, as did broadcaster Bob Costas and commentator George Will, a director of the Baltimore Orioles and San Diego Padres.

"Baseball is not Bangladesh," Will said. "It can get well by deciding to get well."

## SPORTS

## Hansen moves to 5-0, beats Hagerman

The Times-News

HANSEN - Staci DeLeon's 11 points led the Huskies in double-digit scoring as Hansen knocked off Hagerman 58-37 to improve to 5-0 on the season.

Ellen Freestone and Alicia Simpson each chipped in with 10 points for Hansen, with Freestone knocking off everyone on its roster.

"Our depth is a key," said Hansen coach Rick Abel. "Tonight, this was the best defensive effort we've had this year."

Hagerman took a 14-13 first-quarter lead, but Abel said the Husky offense then came to life. Hansen outscored the Lady Pirates 45-23 the rest of the way.

Hagerman scored against our press in the first quarter, but the kids came back," Abel said.

Meissa Wicks had 11 points and Teresa Owsley 10 to lead Hagerman.

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## Local sports

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"They hit some big 3s and did a good job of catching back," said Tiger coach Michelle Skyles.

Kendall West paced the Tigers with 15 points and also led with double-digit rebounds.

Jerome (3-1, 0 in conference) travels to Century Wednesday.

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# Maple Leafs ice Rangers 3-1

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The Domi, York Perreault and Igor Koroloff scored in front of Curtis Joseph, who made 31 saves, to give the Toronto Maple Leafs a 3-1 victory Tuesday night over the New York Rangers.

The Maple Leafs have earned points in five straight games (2-0-2-1). Sergei Kriukov scored the only goal for the Rangers, who have lost two of three. Mike Richter, in his eighth straight start, turned aside 32 shots.

**Sensors 2, Bruins 1**  
KANATA, Ontario — Daniel Alfredsson capped a wild final

minute by scoring with 13.8 seconds left to give Ottawa a victory over Boston.

The game came 12 seconds after Bill Guerin tied it with his first goal with the Bruins. Shawn McEachern gave the Senators a 1-0 lead.

**Panthers 4, Canadiens 1**  
MONTREAL — Denis Shvidki scored for Florida just over a minute into the third period, ruining any chance of a comeback in Michel Therrien's debut as Canadiens coach.

Pavel Bure, Serge Payer and Todd Simpson also scored for the Panthers, who improved to 4-8-3.

## Canucks 4, Blues 3

**ST. LOUIS** — Todd Bertuzzi had two goals and an assist to lead Vancouver over St. Louis, snapping goaltender Brent Johnson's seven-game winning streak.

The loss also ended the Blues' unbeaten streak against Vancouver at 14 and gave St. Louis its first home loss this season (8-1-1). Vancouver lost last game at St. Louis on Dec. 15, 1996.

Bertuzzi also assisted on Jason Strudwick's goal, equaling his career-high for points in a game. Ed Jovanovski had the other Vancouver goal.

Pavel Demitra scored his second of the game and 10th of the season to get St. Louis within 4-3.

# Gambill gambles with injury in Stockholm

**STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP)** — Jan-Michael Gambill won his opening match in straight sets at the Stockholm Open on Tuesday, but a back injury might force him from the tournament.

Gambill, a semifinalist in this event last year, beat Max Mirnyi of Belarus 7-5, 6-3 at Royal Tennis Hall.

Max Philippoussis, who lost the Paris Masters first in straight sets Sunday to Champions Race leader Marat Safin, may also have to pull out because of a knee problem. Organizers expect a definitive word today.

Also, sixth-seeded Sebastian Grosjean of France beat Daniel Nestor of Canada 6-4, 6-4.

Qualifiers Johan Ortenge and

Christian Vinck won other early first-round matches Tuesday. Ortenge beat fellow Swede Fredrik Jonsson 6-2, 6-7, 7-5. Vinck, a German, ousted Leo Friedl of the Czech Republic 7-5, 6-4.

The Stockholm Open is the next-to-last stop on the ATP Tour, which ends with the Masters Cup on Nov. 28-Dec. 3.

In other first-round matches, Renzo Furlan of Italy beat Christophe Rochus of Belgium 7-6, 6-3. Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia defeated Fabricio Santoro of France 7-6 (3), 6-2. Italian Diego Nargiso beat Oliver Froelove of England 5-7, 6-3, 6-4; and Alexander Popov of Germany beat Jeff Tarango of the United States 7-6 (5), 6-4.

## BASKETBALL

### NBA Standings

Atlantic	Central	East	South	West
Philadelphia 1	Chicago 1	Orlando 1	San Antonio 1	Portland 1
New York 2	Indiana 2	Washington 2	Phoenix 2	Seattle 2
Charlotte 3	Cleveland 3	Atlanta 3	Los Angeles 3	Utah 3
Washington 4	Minnesota 4	Philadelphia 4	Golden State 4	San Diego 4
Orlando 5	San Antonio 5	Charlotte 5	Phoenix 5	Portland 5
Atlanta 6	Philadelphia 6	San Antonio 6	Los Angeles 6	Seattle 6
San Antonio 7	Charlotte 7	Atlanta 7	Golden State 7	San Diego 7
Phoenix 8	San Antonio 8	Charlotte 8	Los Angeles 8	Seattle 8
Los Angeles 9	San Antonio 9	Charlotte 9	Los Angeles 9	Seattle 9
San Antonio 10	Charlotte 10	Atlanta 10	Golden State 10	San Diego 10

### Western Conference

Northwest	Pacific
Seattle 1	Portland 1
Portland 2	Seattle 2
Portland 3	Seattle 3
Portland 4	Seattle 4
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Portland 7	Seattle 7
Portland 8	Seattle 8
Portland 9	Seattle 9
Portland 10	Seattle 10

### Eastern Conference

Atlantic	Central	East	South	West
Philadelphia 1	Chicago 1	Orlando 1	San Antonio 1	Portland 1
New York 2	Indiana 2	Washington 2	Phoenix 2	Seattle 2
Charlotte 3	Cleveland 3	Atlanta 3	Los Angeles 3	Utah 3
Washington 4	Minnesota 4	Philadelphia 4	Golden State 4	San Diego 4
Orlando 5	San Antonio 5	Charlotte 5	Phoenix 5	Portland 5
Atlanta 6	Philadelphia 6	San Antonio 6	Los Angeles 6	Seattle 6
San Antonio 7	Charlotte 7	Atlanta 7	Golden State 7	San Diego 7
Phoenix 8	San Antonio 8	Charlotte 8	Los Angeles 8	Seattle 8
Los Angeles 9	San Antonio 9	Charlotte 9	Los Angeles 9	Seattle 9
San Antonio 10	Charlotte 10	Atlanta 10	Golden State 10	San Diego 10

### Midwest Conference

Northwest	Pacific
Seattle 1	Portland 1
Portland 2	Seattle 2
Portland 3	Seattle 3
Portland 4	Seattle 4
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Portland 9	Seattle 9
Portland 10	Seattle 10

### Southwest Conference

Northwest	Pacific
Seattle 1	Portland 1
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Portland 3	Seattle 3
Portland 4	Seattle 4
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### Monday's NBA Games

Time	Game
7:00 p.m.	Portland at Seattle
7:00 p.m.	San Antonio at Dallas
7:00 p.m.	Phoenix at Los Angeles
7:00 p.m.	San Diego at Golden State
7:00 p.m.	Utah at Denver
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### Tuesday's NBA Games

Time	Game
7:00 p.m.	Portland at Seattle
7:00 p.m.	San Antonio at Dallas
7:00 p.m.	Phoenix at Los Angeles
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7:00 p.m.	Portland at Seattle
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7:00 p.m.	Phoenix at Los Angeles
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7:00 p.m.	Utah at Denver

### Wednesday's NBA Games

Time	Game
7:00 p.m.	Portland at Seattle
7:00 p.m.	San Antonio at Dallas
7:00 p.m.	Phoenix at Los Angeles
7:00 p.m.	San Diego at Golden State
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### Thursday's NBA Games

Time	Game
7:00 p.m.	Portland at Seattle
7:00 p.m.	San Antonio at Dallas
7:00 p.m.	Phoenix at Los Angeles
7:00 p.m.	San Diego at Golden State
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7:00 p.m.	Phoenix at Los Angeles
7:00 p.m.	San Diego at Golden State
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### Friday's NBA Games

Time	Game
7:00 p.m.	Portland at Seattle
7:00 p.m.	San Antonio at Dallas
7:00 p.m.	Phoenix at Los Angeles
7:00 p.m.	San Diego at Golden State
7:00 p.m.	Utah at Denver
7:00 p.m.	Portland at Seattle
7:00 p.m.	San Antonio at Dallas
7:00 p.m.	Phoenix at Los Angeles
7:00 p.m.	San Diego at Golden State
7:00 p.m.	Utah at Denver

### Saturday's NBA Games

Time	Game
7:00 p.m.	Portland at Seattle
7:00 p.m.	San Antonio at Dallas
7:00 p.m.	Phoenix at Los Angeles
7:00 p.m.	San Diego at Golden State
7:00 p.m.	Utah at Denver
7:00 p.m.	Portland at Seattle
7:00 p.m.	San Antonio at Dallas
7:00 p.m.	Phoenix at Los Angeles
7:00 p.m.	San Diego at Golden State
7:00 p.m.	Utah at Denver

### Sunday's NBA Games

Time	Game
7:00 p.m.	Portland at Seattle
7:00 p.m.	San Antonio at Dallas
7:00 p.m.	Phoenix at Los Angeles
7:00 p.m.	San Diego at Golden State
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7:00 p.m.	Portland at Seattle
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### Tuesday's NBA Games

Time	Game
7:00 p.m.	Portland at Seattle
7:00 p.m.	San Antonio at Dallas
7:00 p.m.	Phoenix at Los Angeles
7:00 p.m.	San Diego at Golden State
7:00 p.m.	Utah at Denver
7:00 p.m.	Portland at Seattle
7:00 p.m.	San Antonio at Dallas
7:00 p.m.	Phoenix at Los Angeles
7:00 p.m.	San Diego at Golden State
7:00 p.m.	Utah at Denver

### Wednesday's NBA Games

Time	Game
7:00 p.m.	Portland at Seattle
7:00 p.m.	San Antonio at Dallas
7:00 p.m.	Phoenix at Los Angeles
7:00 p.m.	San Diego at Golden State
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### Thursday's NBA Games

Time	Game
7:00 p.m.	Portland at Seattle
7:00 p.m.	San Antonio at Dallas
7:00 p.m.	Phoenix at Los Angeles
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7:00 p.m.	Utah at Denver
7:00 p.m.	Portland at Seattle
7:00 p.m.	San Antonio at Dallas
7:00 p.m.	Phoenix at Los Angeles
7:00 p.m.	San Diego at Golden State
7:00 p.m.	Utah at Denver

### Friday's NBA Games

Time	Game
7:00 p.m.	Portland at Seattle
7:00 p.m.	San Antonio at Dallas
7:00 p.m.	Phoenix at Los Angeles
7:00 p.m.	San Diego at Golden State
7:00 p.m.	Utah at Denver
7:00 p.m.	Portland at Seattle
7:00 p.m.	San Antonio at Dallas
7:00 p.m.	Phoenix at Los Angeles
7:00 p.m.	San Diego at Golden State
7:00 p.m.	Utah at Denver

### Saturday's NBA Games

Time	Game
7:00 p.m.	Portland at Seattle
7:00 p.m.	San Antonio at Dallas
7:00 p.m.	Phoenix at Los Angeles
7:00 p.m.	San Diego at Golden State
7:00 p.m.	Utah at Denver
7:00 p.m.	Portland at Seattle
7:00 p.m.	San Antonio at Dallas
7:00 p.m.	Phoenix at Los Angeles
7:00 p.m.	San Diego at Golden State
7:00 p.m.	Utah at Denver

### Sunday's NBA Games

Time	Game
7:00 p.m.	Portland at Seattle
7:00 p.m.	San Antonio at Dallas
7:00 p.m.	Phoenix at Los Angeles
7:00 p.m.	San Diego at Golden State
7:00 p.m.	Utah at Denver
7:00 p.m.	Portland at Seattle
7:00 p.m.	San Antonio at Dallas
7:00 p.m.	Phoenix at Los Angeles
7:00 p.m.	San Diego at Golden State
7:00 p.m.	Utah at Denver

### Monday's NBA Games

Time	Game
7:00 p.m.	Portland at Seattle
7:00 p.m.	San Antonio at Dallas
7:00 p.m.	Phoenix at Los Angeles
7:00 p.m.	San Diego at Golden State
7:00 p.m.	Utah at Denver
7:00 p.m.	Portland at Seattle
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### Tuesday's NBA Games

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7:00 p.m.	San Antonio at Dallas
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### Wednesday's NBA Games

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7:00 p.m.	Portland at Seattle
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## SCORES AND STATS

### IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore

### FOOTBALL

#### NFL Standings

AFC	NFC
Pittsburgh 1	San Francisco 1
Oakland 2	Seattle 2
San Diego 3	Los Angeles 3
Denver 4	Arizona 4
San Francisco 5	San Diego 5
Los Angeles 6	San Francisco 6
Seattle 7	Los Angeles 7
Arizona 8	San Diego 8
San Diego 9	San Francisco 9
San Francisco 10	Los Angeles 10

#### AFC Leaders

Team	Points	Yards	Touchdowns
Pittsburgh	10	100	10
Oakland	9	90	9
San Diego	8	80	8
Denver	7	70	7
San Francisco	6	60	6
Los Angeles	5	50	5
Seattle	4	40	4
Arizona	3	30	3
San Diego	2	20	2
San Francisco	1	10	1

#### NFC Leaders

Team	Points	Yards	Touchdowns
San Francisco	10	100	10
Seattle	9	90	9
Los Angeles	8	80	8
Arizona	7	70	7
San Diego	6	60	6
San Francisco	5	50	5
Los Angeles	4	40	4
Seattle	3	30	3
Arizona	2	20	2
San Diego	1	10	1

#### Monday's NFL Games

Time	Game
7:00 p.m.	Pittsburgh at Oakland
7:00 p.m.	San Diego at Denver
7:00 p.m.	San Francisco at Los Angeles
7:00 p.m.	Seattle at Arizona
7:00 p.m.	San Diego at San Francisco
7:00 p.m.	Los Angeles at Seattle
7:00 p.m.	Arizona at San Diego
7:00 p.m.	San Francisco at Los Angeles
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#### Thursday's NFL Games

Malibu, Port	99	183	541
Chapman, Hou	42	79	538
Russell, Utah	54	101	535
McDyeese, Den	64	121	529
Jenns, Seat	69	132	523
Canby, N.Y.	48	92	522

## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Lewiston mill agrees to improve safety

LEWISTON - Federal safety regulators and Potlatch Corp. signed a partnership Monday at the company's Lewiston mill to improve worker safety and health in the logging industry.

Richard Terrill, regional administrator for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, said the first Idaho partnership was struck with Potlatch because of that company's superior safety and health management record.

Terrill said the company had the most effective oversight of contract loggers in the area and an effective policy of dealing with contractors failing to comply with safety standards.

### Top advertising, marketing exec resigns from Penney

PLANO, Texas - J.C. Penney Co.'s top advertising and marketing executive, Stephen Farley, has resigned to pursue other interests, the Plano-based retailer with stores in Twin Falls and Burley said.

Farley joined Penney in June 1999 from Payless ShoeSource Inc. to be senior vice president and chief marketing officer of J.C. Penney stores and catalog. His hiring marked the first time Penney had gone outside its own ranks to fill a job that high up in management.

In January, Farley put the company's annual \$200 million advertising account up for bid and fired Temeclin McClain, the Irving, Texas-based firm that had held the Penney account since 1991. In April, after several top firms bid on the account, Farley hired DDB Worldwide, a New York-based ad agency whose client list includes McDonald's and Budweiser.

DDP's "It's all inside" campaign focused on Penney's three ways to shop - in stores, by catalog and on the Internet - and debuted in September. Farley's resignation is effective Nov. 30. Mike Boylson, director of marketing, planning and promotions, will manage the department until a new chief marketing officer is named.

Penney's sales declines have worsened in the last year, and "some of the deterioration is the result of marketing, which we think we can change sooner than our assortments," Allen Questrom, Penney's chairman and chief executive officer, said last week. He spoke during a conference call with analysts after Penney released its fiscal third-quarter results, which were the worst in the company's 98-year history. Penney's 12-cent-a-share loss was its first ever recorded from operations.

### Buffett buys stock in restaurant brand owner

In a way, Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Chairman Warren Buffett may be returning to an old favorite.

The former Pepsi collector turned Coca-Cola enthusiast has bought \$5.3 million worth of stock in a PepsiCo Inc. spin-off, Tricon Global Restaurants of Louisville, Ky.

Tricon, one of the world's largest restaurant companies with more than 30,000 restaurants, has three widely known brands all employed by businesses in the Magic Valley - KFC, Pizza Hut and Taco Bell. Tricon's 1999 worldwide sales were \$22 billion.

Tricon's restaurants, which all serve Pepsi products, were spun off from PepsiCo in 1997. Tricon is a relatively small holding for Berkshire compared with its \$11 billion investment in Coca-Cola Co. Berkshire has more than \$30 billion in stock holdings.

### Verizon buys out wireless California, Nevada provider

BEDMINSTER, N.J. - Verizon Wireless, the United States' largest wireless operator which does business in the Magic Valley, said Tuesday it paid \$236 million for the 23.47 percent of Sacramento Valley Limited Partnership it didn't already own.

Verizon Wireless said it bought the stake from Centennial Communications Corp., a Neptune, N.J.-based independent wireless service provider. Sacramento Valley provides wireless phone services in parts of northern California and Nevada under the Verizon Wireless brand.

Bedminster, N.J.-based Verizon Wireless is a joint venture between Verizon Communications, the country's biggest local phone company, and the U.K.'s Vodafone Group. Verizon Wireless has more than 25 million mobile phone customers.

Compiled from wire reports

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Stores and restaurants are poised to open hundreds of thousands of square feet of new retail space in Twin Falls in the next two to four years, chamber executive Kent Just said.

Local builder Larren Novak said he sees sustained growth in Idaho for the building industry.

## Bank's luncheon speakers say valley economy is spotty but still positive

But in the dairy industry - which produces the No. 1 agricultural commodity in Idaho and in the Magic Valley - each \$1-per-hundredweight drop in milk prices in recent months cost the Magic Valley \$13.6 million in revenue, extension agent

Robert Ohlenschlaen said. That's \$13.6 million less to circulate in the valley's economy.

The three men spoke in Twin Falls Tuesday at D.L. Evans Bank's first President's Luncheon and Magic Valley

Economic Review, which the Burley-based community bank plans to make an annual event.

"The future is very bright," John V. Evans Sr., bank president and former Idaho governor, told his guests, citing the bulldozers busy at the north end of town and the new businesses opening elsewhere in Twin Falls. "That's remarkable and progressive."

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## Western business



Stuart Allan, owner of Allan Cartography, and his business partner Mike Beard at Raven Maps & Images are busy putting together a comprehensive new Oregon atlas scheduled to be available late next summer.

## Mapmaker climbs charts

Oregon cartographer finds eager market for artistic creations

The Associated Press

MEDFORD, Ore. - Stuart Allan is putting places like Remote and Greenhorn on the map. "Yeah, Remote is definitely a remote hamlet," the Medford cartographer said of the wee burg west of Roseburg, Ore.

"Greenhorn? That's an incor-

porated city of three up on the Grand-Baker county line," he added.

Allan, owner of Allan Cartography, and his business partner, Mike Beard, at Raven Maps & Images are busy putting together a comprehensive new Oregon atlas scheduled to be available late next summer.

The cartographer can tell you Island City isn't a coastal community, but a town in northeastern Oregon. He knows there are precious few trees in Christmas Valley.

"And that Boring is on the

road to Damascus," he said. For a quarter of a century, Allan has been mapping out the world from his office in Medford. He and Beard, who has a marketing background, teamed up in the 1980s.

Their work has literally put them on the map of success. The Wall Street Journal has judged Raven's work as "the world's most beautiful maps."

The firm now sells about 40,000 maps a year, many of them large wall maps purchased by individuals.

"We pay more attention to the art of map-making than

most cartographers," Allan said. "A good map always incorporates a great deal of artistry. If it's a really good, easy-to-read map full of information, you can be sure a huge amount of artistry went into that."

There are political maps, population maps, soil maps, vegetation maps, water maps, even maps showing locations of newspapers.

Allan, who has a bachelor's degree in history from the University of California, Berkeley, became interested in

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## U.S. trade deficit surges to record \$34.3 billion

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The U.S. trade deficit ballooned to a record \$34.3 billion in September as America's already huge foreign oil bill got bigger and helped push imports to an all-time high. The deficit with China climbed to \$8.7 billion, the largest ever recorded with any country.

September's trade gap was up a sharp 15 percent from an August imbalance of \$29.8 billion, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday, well above economists' expectations for a more modest deterioration to around \$31 billion.

Exports slipped from their previous month's record as shipments of U.S. cars and auto parts dropped sharply and various other exporters from farmers to computer manufacturers suffered setbacks.

Among other negatives affecting the deficit, which covers trade in both goods and services, was payment of nearly \$700 million by NBC for broadcast rights to the Olympic Games in Australia.

The Clinton administration insisted the big jump in the deficit

did not signal economic weakness and predicted that improving economies overseas will make future months look better.

"While the deficit is too high, it does not reflect problems with the underlying domestic economy," Commerce Undersecretary Robert Shapiro told reporters at a briefing on the trade figures.

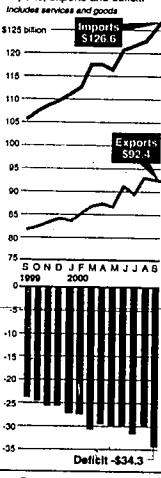
Private analysts cautioned, however, that the September setback showed how far the United States has to go to narrow the huge trade gap, running at an annual rate of \$360 billion, far above the previous record of \$265 billion set last year.

The exploding trade deficit is the one flaw in an otherwise remarkable U.S. economic expansion, which has already produced a record 9.5 years without a recession.

Gerald Cohen, an economist at Merrill Lynch, said the big September trade deficit will translate into a lower government estimate for overall economic growth in the July-September quarter from 2.7 percent down to around 2 percent, the slowest quarterly growth rate in more than five years.

### U.S. trade

Here is a look at the U.S. trade report, which includes total imports, exports and deficit.



## Deere Q4 profit falls short, but outlook remains bright

BridgeNews

KANSAS CITY - Deere & Co. earned less in its fourth quarter than Wall Street analysts had forecast, but the farm equipment maker's projections for fiscal 2001 reinforced expectations that a rebound in its main tractor and combine lines will continue.

Moline, Ill.-based Deere, the world's largest farm implement manufacturer with dealers in the Magic Valley, said it earned \$71.1 million, or 30 cents per share, in the quarter ended Oct. 31. That's 9 cents per share less than the consensus prediction of analysts surveyed by First Call/Thomson Financial.

Still, the result was much better than a year earlier, when Deere lost \$29.5 million, or 13 cents per share. Total sales rose 21 percent to \$2.4 billion, largely because of a 37 percent increase in sales of farm equipment. Sales of commercial and consumer-owned powers, which includes lawn mowers, fell 8 percent.

The farm equipment business reported an operating profit of \$68 million, while the consumer operations lost \$11 million.

The outlook for this year is reasonably positive. The company, which relies on farm equipment sales for 45 percent of its revenue, raised its projections for the entire North American farm equipment industry in 2001.

When the company released its third-quarter results in August, it said retail farm machinery sales on the continent would dip 5 percent in 2001, prolonging the industry-wide slide that began after the Asian financial crisis and large U.S. crops created an oversupply of U.S. grain the late 1990s.

Deere now expects North American farm equipment sales to rise slightly next year. Smaller-than-expected crops worldwide this fall increased grain and oilseed prices modestly for farmers, meaning they'll have a little more to spend on machinery this winter, the company said.

Deere said sales of farm equipment will still fall 5 percent in Europe next year. But the brighter prospects for North America mean total sales volume

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## CLOSING FUTURES

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## BEANS

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## GRAINS

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## ROTATION

**IDAHO FALLS (AP)** — Tuesday's rainstorm in Idaho's upper valley, Twin Falls County, was the first since 1997.

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## MARKETS

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230	231.25		SLURP 14		
2675	273.25		112,000 bbs. cents per lb.		
243.75	243.75	-5	Jan 21.35 21.35	21.05	21.05
252.5	253.5	-5	May		
252.5	261	-1	Jan 21.60 21.60	21.65	21.65
269	270.5	-1.5	Jul 21.78 21.78	21.72	21.72
263.5	294	-1.5	Sep 21.78 21.60	21.78	21.78
			Nov 21.60 21.05	21.00	20.85
			Dec 20.98		
			Jan		
			Mar		
			May		21.03

## LIVESTOCK

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## FOSSIL

NEW YORK (AP) - Futures trading on the New York Merchants Exchange Tuesday:					
	Close	Low	High	Settle	Chg.
<b>LIGHT BENT CRUDE</b>					
1,000 Bbl., dollars per barrel					
Jan	35.19	34.90	35.18	-06	
Feb	34.22	34.06	34.01	34.01	+03
Mar	33.68	33.48	33.48	33.48	+04
Apr	31.97	32.28	31.95	32.07	-18
May	30.96	31.30	30.96	31.13	-16
June	30.00	30.27	30.00	30.17	-17
July	29.58	29.80	29.58	29.59	+17
Aug	28.90	29.00	28.90	28.93	+17
Sept				28.98	+17
Oct				29.07	+17
Nov				27.92	+17
Dec	26.90	27.06	26.85	26.99	+17
Jan				26.88	+17
Feb				26.18	+17
Mar				25.84	+17
Apr				25.27	+19
May	25.05	25.06	25.06	25.07	+19
June			25.06	25.07	+19
July				24.87	+21
Aug				24.70	+23
Sept				24.53	+24
Oct				24.36	+25
Nov				24.19	+26
Dec				24.02	+27

## METALS/CURRI

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE									
NASDAQ									
Washington									
Selected world gold prices, Tuesday									
Hong Kong dollar	\$206.73	up 10	Jan	91.50	92.40	91.00	91.80	-31	
London market gold	\$207.25	up 10	Feb	92.00	92.90	91.50	92.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Mar	92.50	93.40	92.00	92.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Apr	93.00	93.90	92.50	93.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	May	93.50	94.40	93.00	93.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Jun	94.00	94.90	93.50	94.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Jul	94.50	95.40	94.00	94.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Aug	95.00	95.90	94.50	95.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Sep	95.50	96.40	95.00	95.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Oct	96.00	96.90	95.50	96.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Nov	96.50	97.40	96.00	96.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Dec	97.00	97.90	96.50	97.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Jan	97.50	98.40	97.00	97.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Feb	98.00	98.90	97.50	98.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Mar	98.50	99.40	98.00	98.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Apr	99.00	99.90	98.50	99.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	May	99.50	100.40	99.00	99.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Jun	100.00	100.90	99.50	100.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Jul	100.50	101.40	100.00	100.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Aug	101.00	101.90	100.50	101.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Sep	101.50	102.40	101.00	101.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Oct	102.00	102.90	101.50	102.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Nov	102.50	103.40	102.00	102.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Dec	103.00	103.90	102.50	103.40	-31	
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London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Jul	106.50	107.40	106.00	106.90	-31	
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London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Sep	119.50	120.40	119.00	119.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Oct	120.00	120.90	119.50	120.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Nov	120.50	121.40	120.00	120.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Dec	121.00	121.90	120.50	121.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Jan	121.50	122.40	121.00	121.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Feb	122.00	122.90	121.50	122.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Mar	122.50	123.40	122.00	122.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Apr	123.00	123.90	122.50	123.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	May	123.50	124.40	123.00	123.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Jun	124.00	124.90	123.50	124.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Jul	124.50	125.40	124.00	124.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Aug	125.00	125.90	124.50	125.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Sep	125.50	126.40	125.00	125.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Oct	126.00	126.90	125.50	126.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Nov	126.50	127.40	126.00	126.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Dec	127.00	127.90	126.50	127.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Jan	127.50	128.40	127.00	127.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Feb	128.00	128.90	127.50	128.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Mar	128.50	129.40	128.00	128.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Apr	129.00	129.90	128.50	129.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	May	129.50	130.40	129.00	129.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Jun	130.00	130.90	129.50	130.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Jul	130.50	131.40	130.00	130.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Aug	131.00	131.90	130.50	131.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Sep	131.50	132.40	131.00	131.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Oct	132.00	132.90	131.50	132.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Nov	132.50	133.40	132.00	132.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Dec	133.00	133.90	132.50	133.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Jan	133.50	134.40	133.00	133.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Feb	134.00	134.90	133.50	134.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Mar	134.50	135.40	134.00	134.90	-31	
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London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Oct	138.00	138.90	137.50	138.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Nov	138.50	139.40	138.00	138.90	-31	
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London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Jan	139.50	140.40	139.00	139.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Feb	140.00	140.90	139.50	140.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Mar	140.50	141.40	140.00	140.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Apr	141.00	141.90	140.50	141.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	May	141.50	142.40	141.00	141.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Jun	142.00	142.90	141.50	142.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Jul	142.50	143.40	142.00	142.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Aug	143.00	143.90	142.50	143.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Sep	143.50	144.40	143.00	143.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Oct	144.00	144.90	143.50	144.40	-31	
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London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	May	147.50	148.40	147.00	147.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Jun	148.00	148.90	147.50	148.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Jul	148.50	149.40	148.00	148.90	-31	
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London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Feb	152.00	152.90	151.50	152.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Mar	152.50	153.40	152.00	152.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Apr	153.00	153.90	152.50	153.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	May	153.50	154.40	153.00	153.90	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Jun	154.00	154.90	153.50	154.40	-31	
London market silver	\$207.25	up 10	Jul	154.50	155.40	154.00	154.90	-31	
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But the event's other speakers didn't bring unmitigated good news about the local economy. "The fact of it is, it's kind of a sorry picture," said Just, president of the Chamber of Commerce in Win Falls. Area chamber of commerce members are still spending money, and the high price of gasoline hasn't driven down local performance. "But I'm not saying it isn't just added," Just added.

The chamber executive presided at the state's Public Utilities Commission hearing to approve a rate increase for the state's largest utility, which has requested an approximate 27 percent increase in natural gas rates after last month's hearings. But he defended the company's rate increase over recent years and indicated the proposed higher rates would be short-lived. "I don't think it'll last two

Idaho has said, are charged with a quantifiable rateable rural telecommunications program," Just said. "It's inadequate to take advantage of the technology that's available."

In dairy, the digit growth rate is starting to slow. "But Manti said that the dairy industry in the state is growing with 76,000 cows and with 75,000 head of calves. County with 100,000 head of cattle and more farmland per cow needed in amounts less than the acres across the places for the dairy. And there's a germinating problem. "We've got

He said orders are coming in from outside the state for products produced by Twin Falls enterprises, such as spud, furniture, precision and plastics manufacturing. The beginning of regional non-development market-promises to give the valley a future, he praised planned-improvement in Highway 93 and Interstate 84 is helpful to business.

The Twin Falls chamber itself is to roll out its strategic plan early January - will become involved in community infrastructure, will involve itself with health and needs and is to create a Snake River valley interpretive center, he said.

Thanks to past economic diversification, just said, "I'm looking bright year in 2001. A lot of clouds are obscuring some of brightness, particularly for children."

At Osheneh, a Twin Falls agricultural extension at the University of Idaho told the Tuesday audience he's taking the optimistic "sunny approach" to local

about odor," he added that he is going to hire a person to monitor the extension.

The extension is a roundup of important information in the bee section is up business in the spring, which is the winter, per-capita in Canada, the country is outstripped imports. The good prospects don't extend when wheat grain crop that helps the country is severely hurt.

Imports. And which Idaho's industry that areas such as Osheneh such as the wood river housing starts, dent of the Contractors Association of starts of construction percent he said.

But homes under construction are selling fairly well, and the real estate market starts are up.

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rose 11 percent in fiscal 2001, according to the company said.

Consequently, at least one analyst doesn't think the company's outlook for fiscal 2001 will be good because of the fourth-quarter shortfall.

Annina Shatney, at Goldman & Group Inc., said Deere is "not a lower analysts' profit expectations in a conference call to discuss the third-quarter

result, but analysts are lowering their forecasts," she said.

She said the continuing recession in the U.S. farm sector bode well for Deere's weathered the recession.

Shatney said Deere's big gains in the agricultural sector are "what's more important is that they're a major American industry."

Shatney

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Olsenhehlen said the university is trying to get a waste engineer to the Magic Valley. Olsenhehlen said that this is the only other ag products in the valley. In industry, products are less than consumption. Olsenhehlen shows an encouragement to rise, exports to the west are up but the west is down. Wheat industry is up but the west is down. Prices of higher prices are up but the west is down. The soft white sugar beets, the Magic Valley, the '80s, are up but the west is down. The potato farm is famous in the Midwest, moving into other areas. The Midwest is on the construction leading the Valley change. In Idaho Building association. But in county, residential combined types and from last year,

are taking a hard  
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Falls, Novak said;  
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analysts simply didn't see the prospects for a recovery throughout the equipment sector. Deere, which has a downturn better than its rivals, CNH, said Tuesday.